

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 643
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2022**

RESTORING TRAIN SERVICES TO KARAIKAL

643. SHRI VE. VAITHILINGAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the services of trains connecting Karaikal that were suspended during Covid pandemic are yet to be restored;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and**
- (c) the time by which the services of trains connecting Karaikal with Bengaluru, Tiruchirappalli and Thanjavur are likely to be restored?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) To contain the spread of COVID - 19 pandemic, Indian Railways had discontinued all regular passenger carrying trains w.e.f. 23rd March, 2020. Since, November- 2021, Mail/Express trains are being operated with regular number and as per rationalized time table. Accordingly, 16187/16188 Karaikal-Ernakulam Express (daily) is serving Karaikal-Tiruchchirappalli and Karaikal-Thanjavur sectors. Besides, passenger train services are being restored in a phased manner, subject to operational feasibility and commercial justification.
